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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Air Conditioning for Vehicles

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Deputy Director (Support) from Director of Logistics dated 13 June 1957, subject: Air Conditioner for MV-1714 (DD/57-1944)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for Deputy Director (Support) approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 3.

2. In accordance with the DD/S comments in referenced memorandum, the Office of Logistics initiated a study in consultation with representatives of the Medical Staff and the Office of Personnel with a view toward establishment of criteria for authorizing air conditioners for automobiles on an equitable basis.

3. It is recognized that at certain temperatures the average human body begins a drying process, with a consequent decrease in thinking ability, resulting in loss of efficiency. Surrounding objects with heat-retaining qualities, such as vehicles, aid and abet such loss to variable degrees dependent upon:

- a. Climatic conditions in specific locales within Station and Base areas.
- b. The driving needs of individual employees performing assignments in these localities.
- c. The duration of each assignment in such localities.

4. The above three factors constitute the prime basis for determination of the need for vehicle cooling apparatus, whether air conditioners, per se, or the more economical air coolers, such as that identified in referenced memorandum. It is believed that such determination can be made only by officials closest to the scene of operations (Chiefs of Stations/Bases) on an individual basis, in consideration of the factors listed above.

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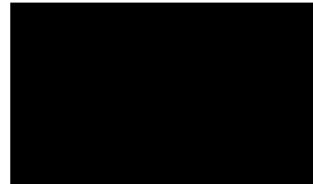
5. In view of the above and to provide necessary management control of these luxury-type items, the following is recommended in lieu of further effort by DD/S components to establish detailed criteria (for vehicle cooling apparatus) which, we feel, would be of little avail and would result in an increase in the number or content of regulatory issuances.

a. Air Conditioners for Vehicles

Regulated items are adequately controlled under existing regulations which provide for prior headquarters approval. Requests to be approved or disapproved by the Director of Logistics based upon field determination as expressed in justifications received. To be considered installed property when contained in a vehicle and dropped from property records in accordance with existing procedure.

b. Air Coolers for Vehicles

To be established as regulated items. To be maintained on property records as any other non-expendable item and recovered (when consistent with local practices) for further use upon disposition of each vehicle containing an air cooler. Field requests to be approved or disapproved by the Director of Logistics based upon field determination as expressed in justifications received.



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Acting Director of Logistics

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The recommendation in
paragraph 5 is approved:

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Date

/s/
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Deputy Director
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